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SUBJECT: EXCON: LICENSE APPLICATION OF STANSAAB FOR AIR
TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM SOLD TO USSR

REF: A) STATE 165628; B) STOCKHOLM 3189; C) MOSCOW 9154

1. FOR POSTS' INFORMATION, FOLLOWING STATUS REPORT ON SUBJECT APPLICATION SHOULD BE OF INTEREST: COMMERCE HAS COMPLETED ITS TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT OF THE STANSAAB APPLICATION FOR U.S. LICENSES COVERING COMPONENTS FOR THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM FOR THE USSR. THE PROPOSED SYSTEM WAS FOUND TO BE SIZEABLY EXPANDED OVER THE SYSTEM ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY SPERRY-UNIVAC, WHICH WAS REJECTED BY SOVIETS IN FINAL BIDDING.

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2. BASED ON THE CONCERNS OF THE USG OVER SIZE AND COMPLEXITY OF STANSAAB SYSTEM, THE U.S. OFFICE OF STANSAAB (SWEDISH INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORP., GREENWICH, CONN.) HAS BEEN INFORMALLY QUERIED BY COMMERCE ON POSSIBILITY OF DOWNGRADING ITS SYSTEM. STANSAAB (SWEDEN) IS EXPECTED TO RESPOND AND MAY BRING MATTER UP WITH EMBASSY. BASED ON CONFIGURATION OF SYSTEM AS PROPOSED, POSSIBILITY OF LICENSING ALL U.S. COMPONENTS VERY DOUBTFUL. IF SYSTEM CAN BE

DOWNGRADED TO STILL SATISFY SOVIET NEEDS AND STANSAAB IS AMENABLE TO REVISING ITS APPLICATION ACCORDINGLY, CHANCE OF APPROVAL SOME U.S. COMPONENTS SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED. ROBINSON

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